

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA ANNUAL WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING 1
February 15, 2023 – 1 pm
Crossroads Hotel and Huron Event Center, Huron, SD

Chairman Darwin Kurtenbach called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, February 15, 2023.

Members Present: Commissioners Dennis Feickert, Duane Buckmeier, Craig Magedanz, Bruce Helbig, Darwin Kurtenbach, Game Fish & Parks representative Ryan Wendinger, Association of SD County Commissioners Representative Lynn Deibert; Department of Transportation Representative Thomas Druyvestein; School and Public Lands Commissioner Brock Greenfield; Non-Voting Member - SDSU Representative Paul Johnson; and Commission Secretary and Plant Industry Program Manager Brenda Sievers. (Exhibit #1)

Craig Magedanz made a motion to approve the agenda (Exhibit #2). Seconded by Ryan Wendinger. Motion carried.

Chairman Kurtenbach asked Brenda Sievers to announce the Committee recommendations for funding the FY2024 Competitive Grants. The Committee met on December 29th in Pierre. The Committee consisted of Chairman Darwin Kurtenbach, Bruce Helbig, Department of Transportation Representative Thomas Druyvestein, Scott Guffey, SDSU Representative Paul Johnson and Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Representative Bill Smith.

The Committee recommended not funding the following Competitive Grants:

WP-C24-1 – Hyde County – Transline Shelterbelt Project (\$12,000)
WP-C24-2 – Hyde County – Absinth Wormwood Sage Control Project Using Grazon Next HL (\$5,000)
WP-C24-6 – Deuel County – Bio Control of Poison Hemlock (\$1,000)
WP-C24-12 – Bon Homme County – Improvement of Leafy Spurge Control (\$28,875)
WP-C24-16 – Meade County – ROW Weed Pre-Emergence Control (\$11,500)

The Committee recommended funding the following Competitive Grants at a reduced amount:

WP-C24-13 – Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards – Yellow Toadflax Bio Control Project – reduced by \$4,000

The Committee recommended funding the following Competitive Grants:

WP-C24-3 – Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards - \$50,000
WP-C24-4 – Fall River County - \$3,000 (Commission noted to include Weed & Pest Statutes in publication)
WP-C24-5 – Hughes County - \$8,000
WP-C24-7 – Clay County - \$28,700
WP-C24-8 – Codington County - \$2,000
WP-C24-9 – SDSU Extension WEED Project - \$47,000
WP-C24-10 – Brown County - \$2,000
WP-C24-11 – Harding County - \$7,000
WP-C24-13 – Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards - \$6,000 (move match to “Other” category)
WP-C24-14 – Meade County - \$6,000
WP-C24-15 – Meade County - \$4,500

Chairman Kurtenbach explained the Committee reasons for those recommended for reduction of funds and those not recommended to receive funding.

Chairman Kurtenbach opened the public comment period. There were none.

A motion was made by Dennis Feickert, seconded by Lynn Deibert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Kurtenbach declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.


Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary


Darwin Kurtenbach, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)